## REMARKS

The following remarks are made in serial response to each of the issues stated by the Examiner in the Office Action of May 21, 2001.

### 1. Status of Claims

, Claims 1- 11 are pending in this application, Claims 1 - 11 were rejected by the Examiner. By Examiner's amendment, Claims 21 – 31 were re-numbered as Claims 1- 11. Such amendment is approved, adopted, and appreciated.

### 2. Objections to Specification

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11 have been amended to correct the references to prior claims and straighten out the dependency relations between claims. All of Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11, as amended, are no-longer objectionable under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

### 3. Double Patenting

Applicant has submitted herewith his "Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent." Such submission is fully responsive to the Examiner" rejection of Claims 1 - 11 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 - 15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,196,003.

## CONCLUSION

It is respectfully urged that, in light of the above-stated arguments and amendments to the Claims and Specification, the specification and claims stated in the instant

application are now in proper form for allowance. Applicant's Claims have been re-drafted in order to correct those errors causing the Examiner's previous rejection of same.

This response is made in light of the foregoing requested amendments to the Application and is believed by Applicant to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed to Applicant on May 21, 2001. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of his application in light of the amendments and the foregoing response.

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